

CLAIM SET AS AMENDED:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method of preventing pressure-sensitive adhesive from leaking out in cold-flow during prolonged storage of a pressure-sensitive adhesive substrate section which is sealed in a bag in order to be protected against loss of active substance, said substrate section comprising:

a backing layer; and

a matrix connected to said backing layer, the matrix either being comprised entirely of a pressure sensitive adhesive material or provided with a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer on an application surface thereof;

said method comprising the steps of:

providing a carrier layer on a pressure-sensitive application surface of the matrix, the carrier layer being divided by an incision, and

configuring the carrier layer with two carrier layer sections, the two carrier layer sections projecting at least partially beyond said matrix, and overlapping each other in a region where they are joined, said overlap being positioned on said pressure-sensitive adhesive substrate section.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein one of the carrier layer sections is wider than the other of the carrier layer sections by an amount of the overlap.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein both carrier layer sections are, by an amount of half of the overlap, wider than half of a width dimension of an undivided carrier layer.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the region of overlap is positioned centrally or eccentrically on the substrate section.